

## From the EAWR #14 Board ...

### Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2018

What follows is an unofficial summary of the East Alton - Wood River Community High School District #14 Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 9, 2018.

#### Public Comments

Mike Roper addressed the Board regarding a request for EAWR to hold the next Alumni Football Game at Memorial Stadium, Sept. 28, 2019. He spoke in general terms of the popularity of the event – both in 2017 at EAWR and the one recently held at Roxana. Mrs. Robinson addressed some “Facebook” comments in which some members of the community alleged that the high school administration rejected an attempt to host the 2018 game at EAWR. She noted that it was not true and that there had been no formal proposal from members of the alumni football committee to administrators or the school board.

The Board thanked Mr. Roper and took his request under advisement.

#### Conduct Annual Review of Media Center Guidelines

As required by the stipulations of the Illinois State School Library Grant, Dr. Pearson briefly reviewed the Media Center Guidelines for the Board. The Board passed a motion to approve the review of the media guidelines as presented.

#### Appoint FOIA Officers for 2018-19 – Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Guthrie

The Board appointed Dr. Pearson and Mrs. Guthrie as the District’s FOIA officers. Their role would be to respond and document all FOIA requests.

#### Approve the Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus Equipment - 1997 GMC Bus #3

Supt. Pearson reminded the Board that, since the District had recently purchased a newer used bus from Roxana Unit #1, they would not need to hang onto Bus #3, a 1997 GMC 65 passenger bus. He expressed the hope that a buyer can be found.

After a brief discussion, the Board declared the 1997 GMC Bus #3 as surplus and obsolete equipment and authorized its disposal, as determined by the administration.

### Hear 1st Reading of Board Policy Revisions

The superintendent noted that, since he reviewed these policy revisions [7.20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited); 7.70 (Attendance & Truancy); 7.180 (Preventing Bullying); 7.250 (Student Support Services); 7.260 (Exemption from Physical Activity); 7.305 (Concussion Policy)]:at the Oct. 2nd Meeting, he did not plan to review them again. No Board members had any questions regarding those policy updates.

The second reading and adoption would be held at the November 13th Regular Meeting.

### Interfund Loan Resolutions

The Board adopted two Interfund Loan resolutions: 1) A Working Cash Fund Loan to the Tort Fund for \$100,000 and 2) A Working Cash Fund Loan of \$50,000 to the Debt Service Fund. Like all Interfund loans, the Board will be required to repay those loans upon sufficient receipts from next year's taxes.

### Principal's Report

Mrs. Robinson gave an oral report, which highlighted the following:

#### I. Upcoming dates to remember

Oct 16/17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
19	No School
26	11:25 Student Dismissal—SIP Day for Faculty

#### II. Committees

Focus groups – meet monthly

#### III. Miscellaneous

College Parent Night—September 26th—7 Colleges and around 40 people attended.

SIP Day September 28th—Training with the WRPD—Update

Coronation and Queen's Dance was a success—357 students attended the dance. Congrats to Jordan Yenne, the new Queen of the Harvest!

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pearson notified the Board that the Auditor from Scheffel-Boyle would present the District audit at the November 13th Meeting.

The superintendent will meet with Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Gockel and the teachers on the School Improvement Team to brainstorm ideas for the school's Dashboard to "tell our story," as well as to discuss the steps needed to engage the Quality Framework and needs assessment that will form the basis of our school plan to address the anticipated underperforming group. That designation will be announced in October to the District and on Oct. 31st to the public via the new interactive school report card site. He noted that this school improvement planning would form the biggest chunk of our strategic planning session next January and beyond.

Dr. Pearson reported on the firehouse sculpture dedication ceremony held last Saturday. He had given some remarks about the project to the audience there. The sculpture project was the brainchild of City Council member, Gale Ufert, and the desire to commemorate the bravery of fire fighters - specifically the tragic fire at the old Kumar's Building, in which several fire fighters were in danger of losing their lives. The superintendent also was proud of how the school district, Wood River Rotary, the WRFD, Beautification Committee and many numerous private businesses came together in this common project. He commended Industrial Tech Teacher, Jake Sitze and his students for their shaping and welding most of the sculpture, as well as recently-graduated student, Gracelin Rushing for her art design of the sculpture. He also noted the various businesses and groups that also helped with the project, including Wood River Rotary Club and Lewis & Clark College.

Mrs. Murray inquired as to doing something cooperatively for the Wood River Police Department in a similar vein. The superintendent observed that no one has approached the high school along those lines, but he would be open to some sort of cooperative effort, if it arose.